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Sir:

This Preliminary Amendments is concurrently filed with the above-entitled application, which is a continuation application of a presently pending application entitled "Multi-Directional Wiring On A Single Metal Layer," filed on December 6, 2000.

Applicants respectfully request that claims 1-15 be canceled (pursuant to the amendment below) before calculation of the filing fee.